

Again, I hope that we can successfully piece together a tax relief package that incorporates principles that not only provide tax relief, but tax reform and tax fairness to the American people.

The interesting thing about this is that our friends on the other side, they will complain and holler, but they are coming along. They have already agreed to more tax relief than this President vetoed last year when we acted upon it.

They are now rolling out alternatives, all kinds of alternatives. They may not like exactly the way we are doing it, but they understand what the American people understand. That is that this is their money, the Americans' money, and we need to make sure they are able to keep it.

I appreciate the gentleman from Arizona joining us this evening, and the gentleman from Missouri, for their thoughtful comments and observations. I expect the gentleman will be engaged in that debate tomorrow as it gets under way as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. We thank the gentleman for his efforts to lead the charge to eliminate not only the death tax but a lot of the other inequities in the Tax Code.

I would say to the gentleman from Missouri, again, I appreciate the chance to conduct this discussion this evening. Hopefully we will get the debate under way. The debate is joined.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal business.

Mr. LATHAM (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and April 4 on account of the death of his father.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. WOLF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DELAHUNT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANGEVIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KOLBE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, April 4.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today and April 4.

Mr. GRUCCI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LINDER, for 5 minutes, April 4.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KELLER, for 5 minutes, April 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1415. A letter from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fees for Commodity and Rice Inspection Services (RIN: 0580-AA74) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1416. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Combat Command (ACC) is initiating a single-function cost comparison of the ACC Communications Group to include functions such as configuration and interoperability management, data-link, desktop software development, and Ground Tactical Air Control System at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1417. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Joseph W. Mobley, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of Vice Admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1418. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Edward Moore, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of Vice Admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1419. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Equal Credit Opportunity [Regulation B; Docket No. R-1040] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1420. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Truth in Savings [Regulation DD;

Docket No. R-1044] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1421. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Consumer Leasing [Regulation M; Docket No. R-1042] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1422. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Truth in Lending [Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1043] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1423. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assessments (RIN: 2550-AA15) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1424. A letter from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Rules of Practice and Procedure (RIN: 2550-AA16) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1425. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Allocation of Operating Subsidies Under the Operating Fund Formula [Docket No. FR-4425-I-12] (RIN: 2577-AB88) received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1426. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Rescission of Deposit Broker Notification, Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements (RIN: 3064-AC48) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1427. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners; Delay of Effective Dates (RIN: 1219-AA74) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1428. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners; Delay of Effective Dates (RIN: 1219-AB11) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1429. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits—received March 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1430. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medical Device; Exemption From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices; Pharmacy Compounding Systems [Docket No. 00P-1554] received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1431. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 01-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

1432. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report pursuant to title VIII of Public Law 101-246, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1990-91, as amended; to the Committee on International Relations.

1433. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 13-597, "21st Century Financial Modernization Act of 2000" received April 03, 2001, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1434. A letter from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1435. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1436. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting an Annual Report on Performance and Accountability for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1437. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2000 Performance Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1438. A letter from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Program Performance Report and the Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1439. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Annual Program Performance Report for FY 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1440. A letter from the Chair, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting an Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1441. A letter from the Acting Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting a report on FY 2000 Accountability; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1442. A letter from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Arkansas River Basin Population of the Arkansas River Shiner (RIN: 1018-AG12) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1443. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska; Final 2001 Harvest Specifications and Associated Management Measures for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska [Docket No. 010112012-1070-02; I.D. 011101B] (RIN: 0648-A082) received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1444. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 Feet Length Overall and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 010112013-1013-01; I.D. 032601B] received March 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1445. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Pacific Mackerel [Docket No. 000831250-0250-01; 031901D] received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1446. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Disaster Assistance; Cerro Grande Fire Assistance (RIN: 3067-AD12) received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1447. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting the Biennial Survey of Article III Judgeship Needs in the U.S. courts of appeals and the U.S. district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1448. A letter from the General Counsel, National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting the annual audit report of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 4610; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1449. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (RIN: 3067-AD21) received April 2, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

1450. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Claims Based on the Effects of Tobacco Products (RIN: 2900-AJ59) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1451. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Signature by Mark (RIN: 2900-AK07) received April 3, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1452. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Action on Decision: Farmland Industries, Inc. v. Commissioner—received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the anti-trust laws (Rept. 107-32). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 601. A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-33). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 601. A bill to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-34). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 581. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management (Rept. 107-35). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HANSEN: Committee on Resources. H.R. 182. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 107-36). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. THOMAS: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-37). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 974. A bill to increase the number of interaccount transfers which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes, with amendments (Rept. 107-38). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 111. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, and for other purposes, (Rept. 107-39). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FERGUSON (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. PLATTS, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. GILCREST, Mr.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 768. A bill to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to